

life. I ask America to have a day of prayer this coming Sunday to join for peace and freedom and the end of racial hostilities and this tragedy and blight on the Constitution of the United States of America.

BART SIMPSON AND THE WHITE HOUSE: "I DIDN'T DO IT"

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, Bart Simpson said, "I didn't do it, nobody saw me, you can't prove anything."

Mr. Speaker, that is what we are hearing out of the White House when it comes to the files that were requested from the FBI: I did not do it. Bernard Nussbaum says, and he was White House counsel, he says he did not request these FBI files; yet 341 of them were sent to the White House on a letter with his name on it: Nobody saw me. The President says he did not read the files.

But that is kind of what the gentleman from Texas, DICK ARMEY, said: "That is like the President saying he did not inhale."

You can't prove anything. That is because the White House is withholding 2,000 pages of information related to Travelgate documents, which is what spurred the request for the FBI files to begin with.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the White House to come clean about Travelgate and about Filegate because the American people deserve to know the truth about what is going on within those walls.

TIME FOR THE WHITE HOUSE TO COME CLEAN ON THE FBI FILE SEARCH

(Mr. GUTKNECHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, it is interesting that the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] talks about the Nixon White House, because as far as the latest White House blunder the President's silence has been almost deafening. The unanswered questions keep piling up, and the President still has not taken responsibility. What was the White House doing with over 340 private citizens' FBI files? How did these files just happen to be of members of the former Bush and Reagan administration? And why is the President not taking responsibility for these actions?

Mr. Speaker, once again we have a case of feigned innocence by higher-ups at the White House, but this is one time too many that lower level staffers have had to take the blame for major mixups. The excuses are running thin, the coverup game has gone on a little too long. It is time for the White House and the President to come clean about

the FBI search. The American people demand no less.

CONCERN ABOUT REPUBLICAN BUDGET PRIORITIES

(Mr. WARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WARD. I yield to the gentlewoman from Colorado.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to state that the President of the United States did apologize yesterday, and I think it is very important to have that on the record.

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern over the majority's priorities. Last night the budget resolution was passed by a slim margin, changing Medicare in ways that will hurt our working families, raising tax on our working families and limiting direct student loans.

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Today I hear that Medicaid is on the chopping block in the Committee on Commerce. I have one question to ask my colleague on the other side of the aisle: How far will you go, attacking the elderly, the poor, our children, and the disabled?

Completely repealing the Medicaid Program will mean that 18 million children will lose their health coverage if we turn what is now a responsibility and commitment on the part of the Federal Government into a State block-granted program. Four million seniors and disabled will lose their guaranteed coverage needed for doctor and hospital care. I ask, when will this stop?

AN APOLOGY BY THE PRESIDENT IS NOT ENOUGH

(Mr. WALKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman from Colorado suggested an apology from the President of the United States is enough; enough, when 340 people have had their lives stripped bare for purely political reasons, their FBI files open for purely political reasons, and an apology is enough.

Mr. Speaker, that is not enough, particularly when we have an FBI official today who tells us about the situation as it may relate to the Nixon administration. He says, "Some Presidents have made good use of FBI background investigations and some, to their regret, have not. But never before has any administration used background investigations of another President's political staff. FBI employees knew it would be wrong to give raw FBI files on political opponents to the other party. In fact, they knew it would be illegal, each disclosure a violation of the Federal Privacy Act."

We are talking about a very serious matter, Mr. Speaker. It deserves full investigation. I am shocked to hear Democrats who came to this floor, time and time again, telling us how Reagan administration officials should be investigated, Bush administration officials should be investigated, how telling us that an apology by the President is enough.

STUPID IS AS STUPID DOES

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, in 1981, President Reagan convinced Congress to increase military spending and cut taxes for the wealthy, claiming this would balance the budget by 1983. Well, 1983 came along and our deficit exploded to \$207 billion in just the first 2 years of the Reagan administration.

Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, Republican leaders did the exact same thing. The Republican budget resolution passed last night actually increases the deficit by \$40 billion over the next 2 years, just to pay for—you guessed it—tax breaks and star wars.

In summary, Mr. Speaker, Republican leaders shut down the Government twice just so they could increase the deficit by \$40 billion, leaving real deficit reduction to future congresses.

As Forrest Gump said, Mr. Speaker, "stupid is, as stupid does."

THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS IN THIS HOUSE WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR HUGE DEFICITS, NOT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION

(Mr. WELDON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I want to address the comments of the gentlewoman who just spoke. The Reagan administration was not responsible for those huge deficits. It was this House, the liberal Democrats in this House, who repeatedly served up to that President increasing levels of spending, the creation of new programs and new departments, which President Reagan repeatedly vetoed those appropriations bills, and it resulted in the Government being closed down. Yes; the Government was closed down 17 times during the Reagan and Bush administrations. Why? Because the liberal Democrats in the House wanted to spend more money.

Mr. Speaker, for the first time, we have a House of Representatives that wants to spend less and a liberal Democrat President in the White House who is closing down the Government with his vetoes because he wants to spend more money. We need to set the record straight for the American people. Those deficits that were created in the 1980's were created while Federal revenues to the Treasury increased \$600 billion. It is because this House of Representatives spent \$800 billion more